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December 4, 2008

REPLY TO Yakima

The Honorable Lonny R. Suko
U.S. District Judge
William O. Douglas Courthouse
25 S. Third Street
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**RE: AWWAD, Ziad
Docket No: 2:05CR02085-001**

**REQUEST FOR OUT OF COUNTRY
TRAVEL**

Your Honor:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Court of the defendant's request to travel outside of the country. Your Honor previously allowed Mr. Awwad to travel to Ramallah Palestine in West Bank Israel on August 11, 2008. Mr. Awwad returned to the United States as instructed without incidents.

Mr. Awwad has informed this officer that his mother has been hospitalized for the past four days and her condition continues to decline. According to Mr. Awwad, his mother's doctors believe she has a short time left to live. Mr. Awwad also stated that he would like to see his mother once more before she passes.

Mr. Awwad's request is that he be allowed to travel by Delta Airlines, leaving from Yakima, Washington to Ramallah Palestine in West Bank Israel on December 5, 2008, and returning to Yakima by the same mode of travel on December 12, 2008.


Mr. Awwad has been cooperative with his supervision. He remains self-employed. He owns and operates Imperial Food a mini mart located at 604 South Third Street in Yakima, Washington. In addition to his mini mart business, he owns rental properties.

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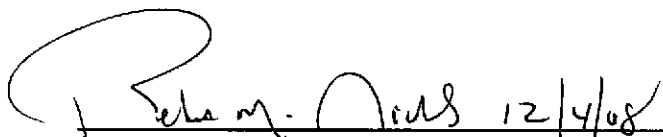
Contact was made with Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Ellis and he did not object to this request. Therefore, this officer recommends Mr. Awwad's request to travel to West Bank Israel be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott M. Morse, Sr.
Chief U.S. Probation Officer

By:  12/4/08
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U.S. Probation Officer

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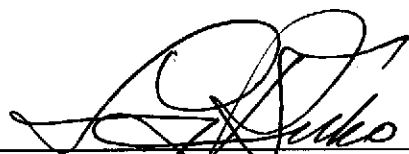
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Rebecca M. Nichols Date
Supervising U.S. Probation Officer

ORDER OF THE COURT:

Approved ☒

Disapproved _____

12/5/08
Date


The Honorable Lonny R. Suko
U.S. District Judge